

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A zoom lens includes first to fourth lenses in order from an object side. The first lens has negative refracting power and a concave surface thereof faces the object side. The second and fourth lenses have positive refracting power. The third lens has negative refracting power. The zoom lens as a whole is constituted of a first lens group having positive refracting power, and a second lens group having negative refracting power. The following conditions are satisfied,  $-2.7 < f_s/f_1 < -1.7$ ,  $-1.1 < f_1/f_2 < -0.9$  and  $1.0 < r_1/f_1 < 3.0$ , wherein  $f_s$  denotes a focal length of the overall system at a wide-angle end,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  denote focal lengths of the first and second lenses respectively, and  $r_1$  denotes a radius of curvature at the object side of the first lens.